

Travel Reimbursement Information

Effective November 1, 1999

1. The following rate policy is to be applied for reimbursing the travel expenses of persons under contract.
 - a. Reimbursement shall be at the rates established for nonrepresented/excluded state employees.
 - b. Short Term Travel is defined as a 24-hour period, and less than 31 consecutive days, and is at least 50 miles from the main office, headquarters or primary residence. Starting time is whenever a contract employee leaves his or her home or headquarters. "Headquarters" is defined as the place where the contracted personnel spends the largest portion of their working time and returns to upon the completion of special assignments.
 - c. Contractors on travel status for more than one 24-hour period and less than 31 consecutive days may claim a fractional part of a period of more than 24 hours. Consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this exhibit to determine the reimbursement allowance. All lodging must be receipted. If contractor does not present receipts, lodging will not be reimbursed.

(1) Lodging (with receipts):

Travel Location / Area	Reimbursement Rate
Statewide Non-High Cost Area	\$ 84.00 plus tax
High Cost Areas including the following counties: Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Central and Western Los Angeles (L.A.). Central and Western L.A. is the territory bordered by Sunset Blvd. On the north, the Pacific Ocean on the West, Imperial Blvd./Freeway 105 on the South and Freeways 110, 10, and 101 on the East. Central and Western L.A. includes downtown L.A., Englewood, L.A. International Airport, Playa del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica, Brentwood, West L.A., Westwood Village, Culver City, Beverly Hills, Century City, West Hollywood and Hollywood.	\$110.00 plus tax

Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses exceeding the above amounts may be allowed with the advance written approval of the Deputy Director of the Department of Health Service or his or her designee. Receipts are required.

- (2) Meal/Supplemental Expenses (with or without receipts): With receipts, the contractor will be reimbursed actual amounts spent up to the maximum.

Meal / Expense	Reimbursement Rate
Breakfast	\$ 6.00
Lunch	\$ 10.00
Dinner	\$ 18.00
Incidental	\$ 6.00

- d. Out-of-state travel may only be reimbursed if such travel has been stipulated in the contract and has been approved in advance by the program with which the contract is held. For out-of-state travel, contractors may be reimbursed actual lodging expenses, supported by a receipt, and may be reimbursed for meals and supplemental expenses for each 24-hour period computed at the rates listed in c. (2) above. For all out-of-state travel, contractors must have prior Departmental approval and a budgeted trip authority.
- e. In computing allowances for continuous periods of travel of less than 24 hours, consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this bulletin.

- f. No meal or lodging expenses will be reimbursed for any period of travel that occurs within normal working hours, unless expenses are incurred at least 50 miles from headquarters.

2. If any of the reimbursement rates stated herein are changed by the Department of Personnel Administration, no formal contract amendment will be required to incorporate the new rates. However, DHS shall inform the contractor, in writing, of the revised travel reimbursement rates.
3. For transportation expenses, the contractor must retain receipts for parking; taxi, airline, bus, or rail tickets; car rental; or any other travel receipts pertaining to each trip for attachment to an invoice as substantiation for reimbursement. Reimbursement may be requested for commercial carrier fares; private car mileage; parking fees; bridge tolls; taxi, bus, or streetcar fares; and auto rental fees when substantiated by a receipt.
4. **Note on use of autos:** If a contractor uses his or her car for transportation, the rate of pay will be 31 cents maximum per mile. If the contractor is a person with a disability who must operate a motor vehicle on official state business and who can operate only specially equipped or modified vehicles may claim a rate of 31 cents per mile without certification and up to 37 cents per mile with certification. If a contractor uses his or her car "in lieu of" air fair, the air coach fair will be the maximum paid by the State. The contractor must provide a cost comparison upon request by the state. Gasoline and routine automobile repair expenses are not reimbursable.
5. The contractor is required to furnish details surrounding each period of travel. Travel detail may include, but not be limited to: purpose of travel, departure and return times, destination points, miles driven, mode of transportation, etc.
6. Contractors are to consult with the program with which the contract is held to obtain specific invoicing procedures.

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Length of travel period	This condition exists...	Allowable Meal(s)
Less than 24 hours	Travel begins at 6:00 a.m. or earlier and continues until 9:00 a.m. or later.	Breakfast
Less than 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel period ends at least one hour after the regularly scheduled workday ends, or Travel period begins prior to or at 5:00 p.m. and continues beyond 7:00 p.m. 	Dinner
24 hours	Travel period is a full 24-hour period determined by the time that the travel period begins and ends.	Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Last fractional part of more than 24 hours	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 7:00 p.m.	Dinner